

JANUARY 2014

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM**JANUARY 2014****2014 HARC OFFICERS****PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: ED TURNER, NØWNV****TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO****TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA****EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:****Wednesday – January 8, at 7:30 PM****Beth Haven Pleasant View****641 Euclid Avenue****Hannibal, Mo 63401****Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.**

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – JANUARY 2014****6 KB9VIS BRIAN****13 KØDFW HOWARD****20 KDØHHN DON****27 WB2UFO LARRY**

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**FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014****January 8th, April 9th, July 9th, October 8th**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

**HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**

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**HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING DECEMBER MINUTES - Date: 12/11/13**

Minutes taken by Don KDØHHN

**LOCATION:** Pleasant View Apartments, Euclid St Hannibal, MO

The club Christmas dinner was held before the meeting, with lots of good food, and a good time was enjoyed by all members and guests.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** November 13, 2013.

A motion to approve: Ed K9WAY

Seconded by Dave, KBØRZN

Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Cash:	\$1,113.70
CD:	<u>\$1,316.70</u>
Total Assets:	\$2430.40

A motion to approve was made by Cliff, KØCA,

Seconded by ED, NØWNV

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**REPEATER COMMITTEE:** No problems to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Don, KDØHHN reported that the club now has the insurance policy for the club equipment and it is in effect.

Membership dues are due January. Individual member \$20.00, \$5.00 per person for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!

**YEARLY CLUB DINNER:**

Fred has made reservations at Golden Corral for Feb 8, 2014, with the dinner starting at 6 PM. We will be in the front room as in the past.

**FIELD DAY:** We started a discussion about **2014 Field Day** last month. A suggestion was brought up about having club members pay \$5.00 per person to help defray costs with the suggestion that if you get on the air and make 5 contacts, you get your money back. This will be discussed more in the future.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**President:** Don Vary KDØHHN. The floor was opened for nominations. With no other nominations, a motion was made by Cliff, KØCA, seconded by Howard, KØDFW that the polls be closed and one ballot cast for Don for President.

**Vice-President:** Ed Turner, NØWNV volunteered to run for Vice-President. With no other nominations, a motion was made by Luan, KA9WAY, seconded by Ed K9WAY to close the polls and the Secretary cast one ballot for Ed Turner for Vice-President.

**Secretary:** The floor was opened for nominations. No nominations were offered for the position of secretary. After some discussion, a motion was made by Cliff, KØCA and seconded by Ed, NØWNV that this position be tabled until the January meeting. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer:** Larry Lauer, WB2UFO. The floor was opened for other nominations. With no other nominations, a motion was made by John NØJA seconded by Dave, KBØRZN that the polls be closed and one ballot cast for Larry. The motion carried and a ballot was cast.

**Trustee:** Cliff Ahrens, KØCA. The floor was opened for nominations. With no other nominations, a motion was made by Larry, WB2UFO and seconded by Ed K9WAY, that the polls be closed and one ballot cast for Cliff. The motion carried and one ballot was cast.

At this time the elections were closed and Don thanked Luan, KA9WAY and Fred KBØWIL for their service as Vice-President and Secretary, respectively.

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**HARC member of the year:** At this time the floor was opened for nominations. Luan, KA9WAY nominated Larry, WB2UFO. This nomination was seconded by Cliff, KØCA. With no other nominations, the motion to name Larry Lauer, WB2UFO as the HARC 2013 Member of the year was voted on and carried.

**New Business:** Cliff KØCA had a certificate that was sent to Carroll Waddell, operating as W9KEM, the old club call sign, for his assistance with the 1937 flood. The certificate was mounted on a piece of wood, and upon further examination, it was determined that the certificate was mailed to Carroll this way, as his address was written on the back and the 2, 15 cent stamps were still attached. Cliff also had a copy of the article from the ARRL archives and he would send this to Bonnie to include in the newsletter.

Carol, WA9EFV wanted to know if he could get a copy of the Technician book from the club. He has a gentleman who has expressed an interest in getting his license. Don will contact Fred about the book. Luan, KA9WAY, said she thought that the Quincy club was going to be holding a Technician class again after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. She would find out more and report back.

50/50: Howard, KØDFW won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club. Thanks Howie!!

The drawing for the Baofeng radio was won by Ed K9WAY.

With no other business, a motion was made by Ed K9WAY, seconded by Luan KA9WAY to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Number of members present: 13

Number of guests present: 5

Total present 18

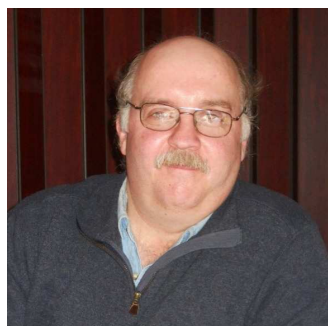
Respectfully submitted:

Don Vary, KDØHHN

Acting Secretary

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



First off, I would like to thank Luan, KA9WAY, and Fred KBØWIL for their service as officers of the Hannibal Amateur Radio club. Both decided not to run for re-election this year, and their expertise and years of service will be greatly missed. At the same time, I would like to welcome Ed, NØWNV as the new club Vice-President. A new Secretary has yet to be named, and if anyone is interested in the position let an officer know.

Well, it looks like we will be having a White Christmas after all. I know that the weather forecasters are calling for 50's by mid-week, but after that, it will be back to more seasonal temps. To me, even though I've been here since 2001, Christmas decorations and lights look a little more special if there is some snow around them, especially if they are on a house or outside decorations. I also think that we need, as a people, to start returning to what Christmas should be about, and that is family. It seems that over the past few years or so, Christmas has just turned into a big shopping frenzy, where companies are trying to make the holiday season one big shopping spree. Instead, I feel that we should be focusing on what should be more important, and that is spending time with our families. If you cannot physically be with them, then a phone call would also be a good substitute for not being there. To me, family, and/or close friends if there is no family, are more important to anyone than any x-box or play-station or any thing that you can buy from a store. Well, I can't really think of anything else to talk about or mention, so I guess that I will close this month's column with a simple, **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

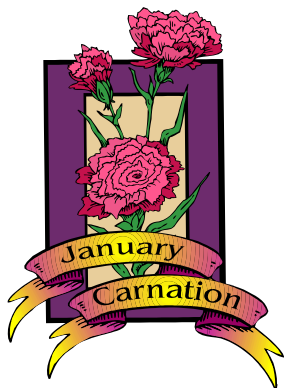
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**JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES!**



# Happy Birthday!



“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

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## DX News and Notes, JANUARY 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



### DX Notes & News



### DX NOTES...

As we approach 2014 it is interesting to note the number of important operations which are planned to take place in the coming year. Right now the Amsterdam Island operation appears to be the most interesting while we await the 2015 Heard Island blowout. Among other 2014 planned activations are SMOM, Burkina Faso, Sao Tome, REUNION Island, Rodrigues Island, Chatham Island, Mellish Reef, and Tromelin Island. Most of these might be considered by some small potatoes in comparison to Amsterdam or Heard, but to many others, they are rare. One must always remember one long standing bit of DX wisdom, and that is, ‘If you haven’t worked it, it’s rare’.

If you are active and on the air routinely, there is always something new to work. Maybe not new to a DXCC record but new in terms of other less popular awards or simply new in the effort to meet a goal one might set to generate interest in the absence of a true 'new one'. Working toward 5BDXCC, a WAZ endorsement, or trying to work all 90 ITU Zones might be to your taste. Many national amateur radio societies have awards specific to their own country. Or for a real test of dedication, try working all 3000+ USA counties. I have never figured out how one goes about pursuing that award without totally losing interest, patience and maybe your mind.

As for me I am still hung up on increasing my 80 meter DXCC count. The goal is within reach but it is slow going. The latest conquest in that effort was the K9W Wake Island operation. I caught them twice on 80M CW (new on CW as well as 80M for me) and I couldn't believe how well they were hearing stateside signals and the great skill demonstrated by the operators in keeping the multitude of callers in line thus minimizing the bedlam that often accompanies a rare operation.

### **DX NEWS.....**

1A, SMOM... A team of Italian operators will be active as 1A0KM between January 2-7th (2014). An online log facility will be also available. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Also, a Web page is now up and running, but with limited info at: <http://www.1a0km.org>

3C0 & 3C4, ANNOBON IS. & EQUATORIAL GUINEA... EA5BYP is planning to activate Annobon Island as 3C0BYP with a side trip to Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea as 3C4BYP. Specific dates have not been announced yet, but the operations will happen soon. Stay tuned! QSL via his home callsign.

5Z, KENYA... ON4EZ, will be active as 5Z4/home call from December 22nd through January 6th. No other details were provided.

7P, LESOTHO... DK3ID will be active as 7P8ID from Lesotho between February 11-16th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters SSB using 100 watts. QSL via DK3ID or OE8IDK direct.

8Q, MALDIVES... DL2SBY will be active as 8Q7KB from two of Maldives' islands in 2014. Activity will be on 20-10 meters including 17/12 meters CW & SSB and possibly 30 meters CW. The planned schedule has him operating from as follows February 12-24. His equipment will be a FT900AT with an ACOM 1010 amp (600w) into a triple-leg antenna for 20-10m. He will upload the log onto ClubLog and QSL cards will be printed as soon as possible. QSL via DL2SBY.

9M2, WESTERN MALAYSIA... PA0RRS will be QRV as 9M2MRS from Pinang from December 31 to February 23. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home call.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE... ZS6ALB is again active as C91KHN from Mozambique. The length of his stay is not known at this time. Activity has been on 10 and 6 meters. He was using his new contest callsign C91C in the 10 meter contest last weekend. QSL via his home call sign direct. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog.



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FT5Z, AMSTERDAM IS... A recent press release from K0IR noted that the "Amsterdam Island DXpedition" equipment is in New Zealand and now aboard the MV Braveheart. All our documentation, inspections, de-ratting certification, and bio-security clearance – has been completed. The vessel planned to depart for Australia on December 26th, at 1400 local time. In Fremantle, additional provisions will be taken aboard and the vessel will be re-fueled for the voyage to Amsterdam Island and back. The FT5ZM team members will be arriving in Fremantle on January 9th. The team will board the Braveheart on January 14th, configure our maritime mobile station, and sail for Amsterdam Island on January 15th.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE... DK9FN is now QRV as both H40FN and H40TA from Nendo Island until January 10. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

J7, DOMINICA... AD8J is now active as J79JG from Dominica until 7 February. He will operate mainly CW when not scuba diving. QSL via home call and LoTW.

VK0E, HEARD IS... A press release was posted by KK6EK on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Excerpts from the press release state that the expedition is scheduled for January, 2015. The group will use the Belgian vessel Cmdr. Fourcault, taking a team of 35 persons and set sail from Capetown, South Africa, going directly to Heard Island. The team will stay at the island for 30-days. Following recovery of the team and equipment, it will return to Capetown. The entire journey will take about 50 days. They plan to make at least 150,000 individual contacts worldwide using the callsign VK0EK. Real-time reporting of data and images to the internet is planned. More detail will come throughout the coming year.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF... A new press release states that DJ7JC has been added to the team, and they also provide his bio info. The details on the boat scheduling have been confirmed for the DXpedition, and as well as Stu, K6TU, customized propagation prediction tools. The team continues their fund raising for the DXpedition with details on how to donate. For the complete press release, go to:

[http://www.vk9mt.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=58:press-release-5&catid=34:news&Itemid=58](http://www.vk9mt.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=58:press-release-5&catid=34:news&Itemid=58) . The operation is expected to run from March 28, 2014 to April 9, 2014.

V5, NAMIBIA. DL3DXX is QRV as V5/DL3DXX from Outjo until January 8. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL to home call.

VQ9, CHAGOS IS... ND9M is once again active as VQ9JC from Diego Garcia. The length of his stay is not known. Activity has been on 30/20/17 meters using mostly CW, with some SSB and RTTY. QSL via ND9M.

W100, SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Look for W100AW from the ARRL HQ Station. The special call is in recognition of the ARRL Centennial Year Celebration. W100AW will begin operations from the ARRL Headquarters Maxim Memorial Station at 0500Z on 1 January and operations will last the entire 2014 calendar year. See the ARRL Web site for more information about QSLing and about the Centennial QSO Party and special centennial certificate.

As always, credit for much of the above information goes to the ARRL DX Bulletins, the Ohio-Penn DX Bulletin and the 425 DX News.

Happy New Year, 73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q

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**FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK  
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**



A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

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**Happy New Year to our USA Troops**

Dear Troops, We want to wish you a Happy New Year! We really appreciate your service. We know you are over there making it possible for us to be home over here celebrating the holidays in safety. Your self-sacrifice to do this reminds us of Christ who was willing to leave His heavenly home to come to earth, suffer and die, and rise again for us. May He bless you in a special way and give you a great New Year!

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